

R E M A R K S

The office action of November 3, 2005 has been reviewed and its contents carefully noted. Reconsideration of this case, as amended, is requested. Claims 1, 3, 4, and 6 remain in this case. Claims 2 and 5 are cancelled.

The numbered paragraphs below correspond to the numbered paragraphs in the Office Action.

Interview Summary

Applicant's agent, Lynda Wood thanks the Examiner for having a telephone interview on January 27, 2006 to discuss the above docketed case.

There were no exhibits shown or demonstrations exhibited during the telephonic interview on January 27, 2006.

During the telephonic interview Simpson (US 5,462,493), prior art of record and claim 1 were discussed.

Applicant believes that this statement satisfies the requirements to file a Statement of Substance of Interview, and accurately represents the substance of the interview conducted. If the Examiner disagrees, or believes for any reason that direct contact with the Applicant's agent would advance the prosecution of the case to finality, she is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. §102

2. Claims 1, 3, 4, and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Simpson (US 5,462,493).

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection, but in order to further prosecution, Applicant has inserted allowable claim 5 into claim 1.

Therefore, it is respectfully suggested that the rejection of independent claim 1 as being anticipated by Simpson (US 5,462,493) is overcome. Dependent claims 3, 4, and 6, being dependent upon and further limiting independent claim 1, should also be allowable for that reason, as well as for the additional recitations they contain. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

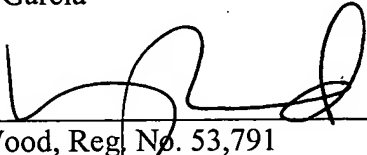
3. Claim 5 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Such action has been taken, as noted in the preliminary comments above. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes the claims, as amended, are patentable over the prior art, and that this case is now in condition for allowance of all claims therein. Such action is thus respectfully requested. If the Examiner disagrees, or believes for any other reason that direct contact with Applicants' attorney would advance the prosecution of the case to finality, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

"Recognizing that Internet communications are not secured, I hereby authorize the PTO to communicate with me concerning any subject matter of this application by electronic mail. I understand that a copy of these communications will be made of record in the application file."

Respectfully Submitted:
Mariano Garcia

By: 
Lynda Wood, Reg. No. 53,791
Agent for Applicant

BROWN & MICHAELS, P.C.
400 M&T Bank Building - 118 N. Tioga St.

Ithaca, NY 14850

(607) 256-2000 • (607) 256-3628 (fax)

e-mail: docket@bpmlegal.com

Dated: February 3, 2006